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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS - BULLET RESISTANT GLASS

REF: (A) PORT LOUIS 0305, (B) STATE 081786

1. UNFORTUNATELY I HAD NO TIME TO CONSULT WITH SY ON THIS  
SUBJECT DURING MY CONSULTATIONS IN DEPARTMENT IN MAY. SINCE  
RETURNING HERE I HAVE FURTHER REVIEWED ALTERNATIVES OUTLINED  
REFTEL B WITH FOLLOWING RESULTS:

A) ALTERNATIVE 3A WOULD BE USELESS TO OUR REQUIREMENTS  
AND THEREFORE A WASTE OF MONEY.

B) RE ALTERNATIVE 3B BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE BUILDING  
OWNERS AND MANAGER WILL CERTAINLY NOT PERMIT US TO INSTALL  
CONCRETE LOUVRES AND THEREFORE THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO  
IMPLEMENT.

C) ALTERNATIVE 3C REMAINS UNSATISFACTORY TO US BECAUSE  
TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE PROTECTION VENETIAN-TYPE BLINDS WOULD HAVE  
TO BE KEPT CLOSED DURING WORKING HOURS WHICH WOULD BLOCK ALL  
VIEW AND ALMOST ALL LIGHT. MOREOVER, BUILDING OWNERS AND  
MANAGER WOULD NOT ALLOW SUCH EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS.

2. THEREFORE, I AM OBLIGED TO ASK DEPARTMENT TO SEEK  
SOME WAY IN WHICH BULLET RESISTANT GLASS COULD BE INSTALLED  
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IN MY OFFICE DESPITE HIGH COST, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORIGINAL

RSO RECOMMENDATION.

3. ALTHOUGH SECURITY CONDITIONS IN PORT LOUIS STILL REPRESENT CONSIDERABLY LOWER RISK THAN AT MANY OTHER POSTS, DEPARTMENT SHOULD BEAR IN MIND THAT ON JUNE 6 AT 1830 WE HAD FIRST STONING OF AN EMBASSY VEHICLE ON A ROAD IN PORT LOUIS WHICH WAS PROBABLY IRRESPONSIBLE ANTI-AMERICAN ACT, THOUGH IDENTITY AND MOTIVATION OF ATTACKERS COULD NOT BE LEARNED. FURTHERMORE EXTREME LEFT WING MOVEMENT HERE HAS INDICATED IT MAY MOUNT ONE OR MORE DEMONSTRATIONS IN MONTHS TO COME (PROBABLY ANTI-DIEGO GARCIA AND POSSIBLY ANTI-CIA) AND IT MAY CALL FOR MAJOR ANTI-GOM STRIKES IN COMING SUGAR HARVEST SEASON. THEREFORE OUTLOOK IS THAT OUR SECURITY SITUATION MAY BECOME MORE DIFFICULT BEFORE LONG.  
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